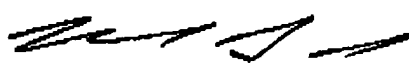


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested prior to performing substantive examination of the above-identified patent application. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$842.00 (\$770.00 fee + \$72 for four new dependent claims) to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 (Ref. No. TELNP226USA).

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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED JUNE 25, 2004

Dear Sir:

The subject Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates that the Preliminary Amendment mailed on June 15, 2004 was considered non-compliant for failing to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Specifically, the Notice indicates that a complete listing of all of the claims was not present. Accordingly, applicants' representative hereby submits a corrected Clean Version of All Pending Claims which indicates the status of claims 1-13 as "Cancelled." A corrected version of the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 15, 2004 is also submitted herewith.

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